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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 ALLEN BOOBAR,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL.,

14 Defendant(s).
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Case No. CV 17-635-DOC (KK)

PROTECTIVE ORDER

17 Pursuant to the Court's April 18, 2018 Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to
18 Compel, the Court finds good cause to issue the following Protective Order.

19 **1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

20 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,
21 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public
22 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may
23 be warranted. This Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or
24 responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and
25 use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential
26 treatment under the applicable legal principles. As set forth in Section 12.3, below,
27 this Protective Order does not entitle the parties to file confidential information
28 under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed

1 and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court
2 to file material under seal.

3 **2. DEFINITIONS**

4 2.1 Action: Allen Boobar v. City of Los Angeles, et la., Case No. 2:17-635-
5 DOC (KK).

6 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the
7 designation of information or items under this Order.

8 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless
9 of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for
10 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in
11 the Good Cause Statement.

12 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as
13 their support staff).

14 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or
15 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
16 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

17 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless
18 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,
19 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced
20 or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

21 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
22 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as
23 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

24 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
25 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside
26 counsel.

27 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association,
28 or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

1 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a
2 party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action
3 and have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law
4 firm which has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

5 2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
6 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and
7 their support staffs).

8 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
9 Discovery Material in this Action.

10 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation
11 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
12 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
13 and their employees and subcontractors.

14 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
15 designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."

16 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
17 Material from a Producing Party.

18 **3. SCOPE**

19 The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material
20 (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected
21 Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected
22 Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their
23 Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

24 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the
25 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

26 **4. DURATION**

27 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations
28 imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees

1 otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be
2 deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with
3 or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and
4 exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action,
5 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time
6 pursuant to applicable law.

7 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

8 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

9 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under
10 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that
11 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate
12 for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written
13 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents,
14 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept
15 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

16 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited.

17 Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an
18 improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process
19 or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the
20 Designating Party to sanctions.

21 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it
22 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must
23 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

24 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in
25 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise
26 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection
27 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or
28 produced.

1 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

2 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
3 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
4 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
5 “CONFIDENTIAL” (hereinafter “CONFIDENTIAL legend”), to each page
6 that contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a
7 page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the
8 protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

9 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection
10 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has
11 indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the
12 inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for
13 inspection shall be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has
14 identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must
15 determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this
16 Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must
17 affix the “CONFIDENTIAL legend” to each page that contains Protected
18 Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for
19 protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s)
20 (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

21 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify the
22 Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the deposition
23 all protected testimony.

24 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for
25 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the
26 exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend
27 “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information warrants
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1 protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the
2 protected portion(s).

3 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
4 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive
5 the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such
6 material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make
7 reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the
8 provisions of this Order.

9 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

10 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
11 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's
12 Scheduling Order.

13 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the
14 disputeresolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

15 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on
16 the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper
17 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other
18 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating
19 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall
20 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is
21 entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the
22 challenge.

23 **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

24 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
25 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
26 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such
27 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under
28 the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a

1 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL
2 DISPOSITION).

3 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a
4 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons
5 authorized under this Order.

6 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
7 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
8 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated
9 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

10 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well
11 as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary
12 to disclose the information for this Action;

13 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the
14 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

15 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
16 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
17 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

18 (d) the court and its personnel;

19 (e) court reporters and their staff;

20 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional
21 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have
22 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

23 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
24 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

25 (h) during their depositions, witnesses ,and attorneys for witnesses, in the
26 Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing party
27 requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto; and (2) they
28 will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the

1 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise
2 agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed
3 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may
4 be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone
5 except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

6 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,
7 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

8 **8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED**
9 **PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION**

10 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
11 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as
12 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

13 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall
14 include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

15 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to
16 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena
17 or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy
18 of this Protective Order; and

19 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued
20 by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

21 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served
22 with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in
23 this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from
24 which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating
25 Party’s permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of
26 seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these
27 provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in
28 this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

1 **9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE**
2 **PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

3 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-
4 Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information
5 produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the
6 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be
7 construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

8 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to
9 produce a Non-Party’s confidential information in its possession, and the Party is
10 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party’s
11 confidential information, then the Party shall:

12 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that
13 some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement
14 with a Non-Party;

15 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Protective Order in
16 this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description
17 of the information requested; and

18 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-
19 Party, if requested.

20 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14
21 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party
22 may produce the Non-Party’s confidential information responsive to the discovery
23 request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall
24 not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the
25 confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.
26 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and
27 expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

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1 **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

2 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
3 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
4 Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the
5 Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve
6 all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons
7 to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d)
8 request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement
9 to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

10 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR**
11 **OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL**

12 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain
13 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other
14 protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal
15 Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify
16 whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for
17 production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence
18 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure
19 of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work
20 product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated
21 protective order submitted to the court.

22 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

23 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of
24 any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

25 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. No Party waives any right it
26 otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item
27 on any ground not addressed in this Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives
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1 any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered
2 by this Protective Order.

3 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
4 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material
5 may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
6 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material
7 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information
8 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

9 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

10 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, within 60
11 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must
12 return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As
13 used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,
14 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the
15 Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the
16 Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if
17 not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that
18 (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was
19 returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any
20 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or
21 capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel
22 are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial,
23 deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition
24 and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert
25 work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival
26 copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this
27 Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).
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1 14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate
2 measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary
3 sanctions.

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5 Dated: April 26, 2018



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HONORABLE KENLY KIYA KATO
United States Magistrate Judge

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EXHIBIT A
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of
_____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of
perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Protective Order that was
issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on
[date] in the case of _____ [insert formal name of the case and the
number and initials assigned to it by the court]. I agree to comply with and to be
bound by all the terms of this Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge
that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the
nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any
information or item that is subject to this Protective Order to any person or entity
except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District
Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms
of this Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after
termination of this action. I hereby appoint _____
[print or type full name] of _____
[print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service
of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement
of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: _____
City and State where sworn and signed: _____
Printed name: _____
Signature: _____